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TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (JATOI, G.M.)

SUBJECT: ROBBERY OF CHIEF MINISTER JATOI IN NYC

1. CHIEF MINISTER JATOI WAS ROBBED APRIL 3, HIS LAST NIGHT IN NEW YORK CITY. THIEVES USED A BASIC MO WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RUN SEVERAL TIMES RECENTLY IN PLAZA HOTEL AGAINST FOREIGN VISITORS. TWO WOMEN, ONE OF WHOM MAY HAVE BEEN A FEMALE IMPERSONATOR, KNOCKED ON JATOI'S DOOR AND GAINED ENTRANCE BY ASKING TO USE THE PHONE. WHILE ONE OF THE THIEVES WAS ON THE PHONE, THE OTHER ASKED TO USE THE BATHROOM. JATOI'S COAT, CONTAINING SOME DOLS 600-700 IN CASH AND DOLS 6-7,000 IN TRAVELLERS CHECKS, WAS HANGING IN THE BATHROOM. WHEN THE LADIES DEPARTED, JATOI DISCOVERED THAT THE PHONE HAD BEEN RENDERED INOPERATIVE AND THE CASH AND CHECKS WERE GONE.

2. DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED OF INCIDENT BY PAKISTAN EMBASSY THE SAME EVENING. PECK (NEA/PAB) IMMEDIATELY CALLED HOTEL SECURITY OFFICE AND RESPONSIBLE PRECINCT OF NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EMPHASIZE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER INCIDENT

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AND OUR INTEREST IN SEEING CASE PURSUED WITH ALL POSSIBLE

DILIGENCE. LATER THE SAME EVENING AND AGAIN ON APRIL 5 PECK SPOKE WITH DETECTIVE IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION TO CONVEY THE SAME MESSAGE. THE POLICE RECOGNIZE THE EMBARRASSMENT THIS INCIDENT CAUSES THE USG AND THEY HAVE ASSURED US THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO APPREHEND THOSE RESPONSIBLE AND, IF POSSIBLE, TO RECOVER THE CASH AND CHECKS. THE CASE REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION WITH THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF THE PAKISTAN CONSULATE OFFICIAL WHO APPARENTLY WAS PRESENT IN JATOI'S ROOM AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

3. CONSUL GENERAL MAY WISH TO DRAW ON ABOVE INFORMATION IN EXPRESSING PERSONAL REGRETS AND THOSE OF USG, ALONG WITH ASSURANCES THAT CASE WILL BE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY. KISSINGER

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